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Tom Forgrave has spoken to me about the possibility of rearing birds to send to the FR group.

Upon further questioning it transpires that his thinking is to install biomass heating in all houses.

Therefore to gain the most from this system (RHI's) he requires birds which he can justify using as much heat as possible.

8 TO 9 crops per year for this bird type fulfils this requirement.

I also think that he is viewing the possibility that RHI payments will be lowered soon and that as a site he should build Up his RHI account asap.

He has been told that as we start to slaughter our FR turks these FR sites will be moving to Day old to death and we will

Therefore require fewer day old to 28 sites and it was therefore not possible to accommodate his wishes.

Tom

To: Tom McKeown[Tom.McKeown@moypark.com]
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Hi Tom

I had circulated these round all on 4th Nov.

Tom Forgrave then sent amended version on 6th as per attached

Peter

From: Tom Forgrave [mailto:tom.forgrave@] Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry
Sent: 06 November 2013 10:17
To: Peter Morgan
Subject: amended minutes of last meeting

Hi Peter

Committee have asked for a couple of amendments.

Let me know what you think

Tom

Moy Park Ballymena
BROILER COMMITTEE MEETING
30-10-13

T Forgrave (T F)	David Gibson (DG)
S Montgomery (SM)	T Mc Keown (T McK)
J Anderson	John Harrison (JH)
W. Montgomery (WM)	Willy Patton (WP)
PJ McKillop	G. McIntyre (GMcI)
	D Coulter (DC)
	A Dobbin
	P Morgan

Apologies:

A Dale
R McCahon

Subject:	Comments:
Review of previous minutes	Reviewed and agreed
Hatchery issues	<p>Committee agreed in general that chick quality was good apart from a few exceptions where there was still variability. DG mentioned that MPB was trying to reduce the number of breeder flocks contributing to a broiler placement</p> <p>Communication from hatchery to farmers re chick deliveries much better & bio-security compliance excellent.</p> <p>SM later commented that his impression was that chick quality was not good & very variable – he said his chicks in house 1 were poor with dead in boxes & diagnosed with FHN at 8 days. These were pullets & he asked what the opposites were like – PM to investigate</p>
Feed Mill Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No feed issues, pellet quality good & performance reasonable – committee again praised all drivers on full compliance with MP bios-security measures. The issue of feed leaving the mill too warm was raised. Warm feed into a cold bin increased the probability of condensation and therefore blue mould forming.
Shavings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JA/PJ McK showed group shaving samples from Boyd & Sloan. AD said the Boyd shavings just were not working & turkey were not cleaning up but were on Sloan (Halmac) bale. AD said that Boyd was to install new equipment to increase levels of sawdust to 30 – 40% but it would take time. DG instructed AD that we did not have time for further trials & to contact John Burch & Raymond Boyd to say that we were switching some supply with immediate effect to Halmac bales to get birds cleaned. Committee expressed disappointment that their suggestion for R Boyd to be present at the meeting wasn't acted upon.

	<p>(would we need to make some reference to Doherty situation without mentioning too much detail so we have a record of the decision taken and reason for it?)</p> <p>LED lighting</p> <p>TF asked about status of LED lighting & to make sure in the proposed technical bulletin that the savings for moving from both Tungsten & SL type bulbs be clarified. PM said that the 8 watt bulbs had arrived in Raceview store, the 10 watt were due in 2 weeks & the 4 ft x 18 watt tubes would be in Raceview for December</p> <p>Advisory Changes</p> <p>DG updated committee on advisory staff changes in MP stating that people were being moved to more specific specialized roles which should help with the Continual Improvement program within MP. Committee complained that nobody had John Harrison's mobile number – John to circulate in next letter & technical bulletin. Committee also asked if JH could take on more responsibility for writing the minutes/bulletins etc.</p> <p>Performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marked improvement in broiler performance & incomes. WP reported that income for HWF was £25 above target & for STD was £36 above target over the last 6 weeks. After discussion it was agreed to pay an additional £12.50 for the next cycle (6) & to review this thereafter. TF asked if the poorer farms had seen an equal rise in income – PM confirmed that they had improved but not as much as the average & better farmers. TF thanked management for agreeing to leave £12.50 in for at least more crop but he also stated that both groups fell some way short of hitting target for the last 9 months average and he asked that come April, if we were below target, would we be made up. DG stated that there was no mechanism to make up in Apr. TF suggested that the £12.50 may have to remain for a while yet in an attempt to achieve target by Apr. <p>ILT Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM updated on current situation as of 30th Oct there had been 23 confirmed cases & that breeder & commercial layer eye drop vaccination had been effected since 4th Oct. PM stressed that the extra bio-security measures had definitely restricted the outbreak to the North Antrim area & asked that farmers continued to be vigilant & report any drivers not complying with MP bio-security. WM complained that MP were not letting farmers know about outbreaks close to them eg W Crawford & L Gordon did not know about the M Montgomery outbreak PM said that everyone was aware of the restricted zones & what the bio-security requirements were & that we could not have time to contact every individual grower in the North Antrim area to inform them of a new outbreak which did not create a new zone. It was agreed that any new outbreak that farmers within a 3k zone would be notified going forward • SM complained that some catching crews still were not compliant with the bio-security requirements. PM stated that all teams had been trained & update on what they must be doing & that we had 2 advisory staff out spot checking crews. DG asked that Dungannon advisory adopt a similar stance. <p>Expansion Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All growers have been written to inviting them to a presentation at the Armagh City Hotel on evening of Monday 11th Nov. TF said some farmers had not received copies of letters. JH to check with Dungannon admin who sent the letter & any missing names to get urgent copies posted.
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April Reviews	<p>TF suggested that we should start looking at April reviews for next year much earlier as incomes/targets were still too tight for funding new builds. He stated that there was a severe lack of confidence amongst growers and that MP needed to address that and get that confidence back into the industry at farm level. Further meetings should be held and all avenues discussed to help expand the industry sustainably and retain existing growers. 1 idea TF mentioned was a loyalty bonus to discourage growers leaving the group towards the end of their grant cycle.</p>
Technical Bulletin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JH to agree content of Technical Bulletin with TF & get out to farmers. A broiler manual was also to be updated and sent to growers.
Slow insurance payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee complained about unacceptable delays on insurance payments ref the h stress in July & the snow claims but A McKillop in Jan & March. PM explained that the July claim had to be fully scrutinized by Oval as some of the claims did not reconcile with crop statements. This caused delay but the cheque had been released in October & payments to farmers were currently being made through their next crop statements. The A McKillop case was exceptional as they were both below the excess limit of £2500 (£500 for the farmer) for a claim & John McConnell had said they would be settled through the company TMcK to progress with JMcC. Committee showed no confidence in Oval moving forward to Mar and all housing insurance being transferred. They asked for a written timeline stating a time period wherein all insurance claims were paid out in the future (including <£2500 claims)
Disposal costs for ILT & R&S Birds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM asked if the extra cost of disposal of Boyd Jamison R&S birds & W McKinley ILT birds be covered through the disease fund. TMcK said that Dungannon farmers did not qualify. Agreed that farmer carries this cost PM to inform BJ & WMcK.
Weighbridge issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing cross checking of weights between Ballymena, Dungannon & Capper weighbridges showed no significant differences. Between Ballymena & Dungannon indicated approx 150kgs per trailer difference for Ballymena birds killed in Dungannon. Any difference often depended on weather conditions & how much water is on the trailers when they either weigh out empty or weigh in full. Trailers in Dungannon are meant to sit for at least ½ hour before weighing empty as water sometimes lay in the channels. Committee asked for the situation to continue to be monitored and for evidence of routine weight loss in transit to be confirmed (T Mc TF asked if farmers could get weight checked between Dungannon weighbridge & local weighbridges. TMcK said yes but to always let Nigel Boyd know in case it causes delays.
Flesh price sliding scale for weights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now running for 4 weeks. A tracker has been set up to see how much has been paid in/out. Currently sitting at small surplus of £7000 more paid in than paid out. This will be presented by WP at the AGM on 7th Nov at Ross Park Kells.

AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM reminded committee that the AGM was due to be held on Thursday 7th Nov at 7.30pm in the Ross Park Hotel Kells & that all farmers had been written to. JA said that the turkey only farmers had not received notification. WP to send letter out urgent. Committee asked for a text service to be set up to notify growers of events. TF also raised the issue that the levy agreed per house back in 2012 had never been implemented – SM had worked out this cost (2p/m2/yr on all sheds, paid in Jan) & was to circulate group so it can be agreed & implanted at the AGM. Also agreed to only 2 presentations by MP – ILT & Sliding scale. PM mentioned the Ursula Lave had given a really good presentation to Dungannon farmers on Campylobacter, but was agreed to run this at one of the technical meeting & not at the AGM.
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SM again mentioned about poor chick quality & also lack of advice on water treatment. He was using Aqua Clean & the instruction on the side of the jar was not clear as to treatment levels – PM to forward full instruction (Already now e mailed through after meeting on 30th) • TF asked for clarification regarding moving the group forward on Biomass boilers. DG stated that those progressive growers who ran biomass boilers would be allowed to hold onto their return on investment and that those farms burning biomass would not be used in the future referencing of average gas usage within the group. • Christmas dinner TBC. • Joint committee outing TBC.
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thurs 23rd Jan @ 12pm.
Insurance	

Biosecurity

Dead Disposal

Turkey grants

**Committee
visit**

AOB
